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## Editor's Memo Pad



## EARLY CLIB HISTORY

## RICHARD PEARL'S item, "American

 Federation Beginnings," published in our February issue has elicited some inquiry on the part of our readers concerning the early history of our present day Mineral Club movement.As a matter of fact, the present great wave of Earth Science enthusiasm is not the first, but the second such-an earlier one having developed on a much smaller scale about the middle of the 19 th century, which was confined wholly to the region east of the Alleghenies. This perhaps was the result of the emergence of the embryonic science of geology and its many attendant sub-branches to the status of a well established, dignified science.

As long ago as 1828, Phillips published a well organized text on Mineralogy, and in 1832 John L. Comstock, of Hartford, Connecticut, wrote a text entitled "An Introduction to Mineralogy," which gave the subject its first real boost. In 1873, Dr. A. C. Mamlin wrote a notable work on tourmaline, and in 1884 he produced his sublime work "Leisure Hours Among the Gems," which did much to inspire the gem and mineral collecting hobby, and which until this day has seldom been improved upon.
The following year, in 1885, Dr. Joseph H. Hunt of New York City, became president of a Mineral Club sponsored by the Brooklyn Institute, which was the earliest club of which we have any accurate record. The same year the Spencer Bair Mineralogical Society was founded in Philadelphia, and the following year the New York City Mineral Club came into existence. A number of other clubs and societies were soon formed, more than twenty all told, it is said, springing up along the Eastern Seaboard during the last quarter of the century.
At least two collectors' makazines also came into being and were published during the height of the epoch, neither of which long survived. Bound copies of same, however, are now on the shelves of
the John Crerar Reference Library of Chicago where they may be consulted by all midwesterners and others who may desire to do so.

As might be expected all this activity naturally was supplemented by the usual collecting craze and of course dealing commercially in minerals brought a number of firms into existence, one in particular becoming widely and favorably known, the A. E. Foote Naturalist Estabishment, begun in the early $70^{\circ}$ s, being the forerunner of the great Foote Mineral Company, of Philadelphia. Practically all of our better older collections contain many rare mineral specimens bearing the famous Foote label.

Eventually, for some unaccountable reason, this club enthusiasm waned, and one by one all these clubs excepting three, passed out of existence and the movement lay practically dormant, excepting for individual collectors, for nearly a quarter of a century. Only the New York, the Philadelphia and the Washington, D. C. clubs withstood the ravages of time, remaining active to the present day. This was due perhaps to the fact that they were more professional in character, than of the amateur type now so prevalent.
Strange as it may seem, the renewal of the great Earth Science hobby club movement as it exists today, is in several respects the result of the great depression of the late 20's and early 30 's of the present century. The story as we have it is substantially as follows.

Peter Zodac, then a young mining engineer working in the coal fields of Pennsylvania, found himself temporarily out of employment. Being also an ardent mineral collector and hobbyist he was encouraged by some of his friends living in his home town, Peekskill, New York, to undertake the publication of Rocks and Minerals, a quarterly journal, in 1924. It succeeded beyond his wildest expectations, there being none other in the field at the time, and soon he began printing it as a monthly magazine, now the oldest in the field.

In 1928, 'ye Editor' of Earth Science became a teacher in the Earth Science Department of the Joliet Township High School and Junior College, and immediately began sponsoring a Junior Mineral Club among his High School students which soon became quite popular. The following year he teamed up with Peter Zodac, using "Rocks and Minerals" as a medium, in organizing other Junior Clubs throughout the nation,-some thirteen in all becoming activated as a result of their joint efforts.

So encouraging were these results, that in 1930 an adult club was organized in the Geology Department of the Joliet Junior College, and the Mineralorist Society of Joliet, we believe, became the first adult club so organized and to function west of the Alleghenies. At about the same time, in 1931, the Mineralogical Society of Southern California was organized in Pasedena, and a year or so later the Oregon Agate and Mineral Society came into being. These three clubs no doubt thus became the Founding Societies of the present great surge of Earth Science Hobby activities of all kinds that is now sweeping the entire country. It is estimated that there must be at least 500 such clubs functioning throughout the Nation, and what a great movement is this for one to be associated with.
N.B. Further information concerning the early history of our Earth Science Federations will follow in our June issue. Watch for this interesting sketch.

## LETTERS OF INTEREST

Dick Lake, Membership Chairman of the Midwest Federation writes-

Dear Friends:-It is the pleasant duty of the Midwest Membership Committee to help all the young or unaffiliated societies in our area if possible. We have many aids for those who are starting clubs and for the new unaffiliated clubs of the Midwest.

Older club members may help these new groups by telling them about the work of our Committee, and that kits are sent out free for the asking, containing valuable information and helps in organizing a new club. With more than 100 member clubs now affiliated, the Midwest Federation has more than doubled in number in the last three years, and the end is not now in sight. Please call on us if we can help you get started. Richard Lake, Chairman, P.O. Box 361, Chisholm, Minn.


Russell Kemp

## ANNOUNCEMENT

It is with pleasure that we announce that our good friend Russell Kemp has joined us as an Earth Science associate and will assume an active part in the management of the magazine as Promotional Director.

As an individual he is widely known in Midwest circles, and his interest in Earth Science activities are also on a nation-wide level. Both he and his talented wife, Doris, however, are real "grass-root" Rockhounds having long taken an active part on the local club basis as faithful members of the Chicago Lapidary Society and as officers of the National Bulletin Editors Association, and numerous other worthwhile endeavors.

As we continue to grow, and to improve and expand our services in the future you may be assured that "Russ" will have no little part in this program.

## EXHIBIT OF GEMS \& MINERALS

The Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Society, the Central Illinois Rock Club and the Siloam Springs Rock and Mineral Club will have an exhibit of gems and minerals on April 15 and 16 in the Sangamon County Junior Fair building in New Berlin, Illinois. Public invited.
May 13 and 14. 3rd Annual Exhibit of the Illinois Valley Rockhounds will be held at Pekin, Illinois. There will be displays of Rocks, Minerals, Fossils and Gems.
For information contact: Illinois Valley Rockhounds, P.O. Box 142, Pekin, Illinois.

## Important Coming Events- 1961 FEDERATION SHOWS

June 9, 10, and 11. Texas Federation of Mineral Societies. Annual Convention and Show. Armory, Wichita Falls, Texas. North Texas Gem and Mineral Society, host.
June 9, 10, and 11. Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies. Convention and Show. Industrial Building, Fair Grounds, Casper, Wyo. Noon to 10 p.m. each day. Natrona County Rockhounds Club, host.
June 23, 24, and 25. California Federation of Mineralogical Societies. 22nd Annual Convention and Show, Los Angeles County Fairgrounds, Pomona, Calif. Four San Fernando Valley clubs, hosts.
Aug. 10, 11, 12, 13. American Federation of Mineralogical Societies and Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies. Combined Convention and Show, Municipal Auditorium, Miami, Fla. Gemerafters of Miami, host.
Aug. 31 thru Sept. 4. Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies. 21st Annual Gem and Mineral Show in conjunction with the Southeastern Washington Fair and Rodeo, Exposition Building, Walla Walla, Wash. Horseheaven Gem and Mineral Societies, hosts.

## MIDWEST HIGHLIGHTS

June 29 thru July 2. The Tri County Rocks and Mineral Society, Inc., of Saginaw, Michigan, will be host to the Twenty-First Annual Convention of the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies, at Saginaw County Fair Grounds. For complete information see page 58 ad in this issue.

## MIIDWEST ROCKRAMAS

AT present it appears that there are at least two Midwest Sub-Regional Rockramas on the calendar for 1961. One in the Northern Sub-Region to be held at Wausau, Wisconsin, under the auspices of the Rib Mountain Gem and Mineral Society, and the other in the Central Region, at Indianapolis, the Indiana Geology and Gem Society serving as hosts.

Rockramas, as we know, are more than local shows, and compare favorably
with the annual Midwest conventions. Their purpose is to widen the opportunity of our widely scattered Clubs located in some twelve or thirteen states to attend and take part in a big show without traveling many hundreds of miles. Dates for these shows are not available at the present time so watch for more detailed information concerning them in our forthcoming June issue

## MIDWEST INDIVIDUAL CLUB SHOWS

March 18-19. Wisconsin Geological Society of Milwaukee will hold their Gem Show, Blatz Memorial Building, Lincoln Park, Milwaukee, Wis, For information contact: Mrs, Paul Fuller, 3252 N. 81st St., Milwaukee 22, Wis.
April 14, 15, and 16. Central Nebraska Rock and Mineral Society. Seventh annual Rock Show. National Guard Armory, 2015 West 3rd, Hastings, Nebr. 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. For information contact: Mrs. Pat Hill, Sec., Hastings, Nebr.
April 14, 15, and 16. Sac \& Fox Lapidary Club of Oskaloosa, Ia. will hold a Gemshow, Ottumwa, Iowa (building unknown at this time), April 14 for school classes only; public, April 1516. For information contact: Mary E. Stitely, 1230 C. Ave. E., Oskaloosa, Ia.

April 15-16. Wisconsin Geological Society of Milwaukee will hold Field Trips. Meet at Dodgeville, Wis, Leave promptly at 10 a.m., April 15. Will collect: Galena, sphalerite, calcite xIs, and Lake Superior Agates. Send card notice at least 5 days in advance of outing to: Mrs. Paul Fuller, Sec., WGS, 3252 N. 81st St., Milwaukee 22, Wis.

April 21-22-23. Sac \& Fox Lapidary Club of Oskaloosa, Iowa, will hold a Gem Show. Farm Bureau Building, Oskaloosa, Iowa. April 21 for school classes only; public April 22-23. For information contact Mary E. Stitely, 1230 C. Ave. E., Oskaloosa, Iowa.
April 22 and 23. Wichita Gem and Mineral Society. 8th Annual Show. East Armory, 620 N. Edgemore, Wichita, Kans. For information contact: Clarence Reaugh, 1733 Fairview Ave., Wichita 3, Kansas.

May 13-14. The Mesabi Rock \& Mineral Club of Minnesota will hold Field Trips. Meet at Chisholm, Minn. Leave promptly at 8 a.m., May 13. Will collect Iron Country minerals, including Lake Superior agates. For complete information contact Richard Lake, Box 361, Chisholm, Minn.
May 19-20-21. The Chicago Lapidary Club will hold their Eleventh Annual Amateu: Crafted Gem and Jewelry Competitive Exhibition. Ridge Park Field House, 96 th and Longwood. Chicago, Ill. May 19-20, $7-10$ p.m.; May 21, 12-8 p.m. For information contact Mrs, John Kurgan, Sec., 12602 S. Justine, Chicago 43, IIl.
May 27-28. The Ishpeming Rock \& Mineral Club, Inc., will hold a Field Trip Meet at National Ski Museum, Ishpeming, Mich. Leave promptly at $8 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$., May 27. Will collect pyrolusite, aphrosiderite garnets, magnetite, limonite pseudos, and a host of Iron County minerals. Send card notice to Mrs, Marian Markert, 107 W. Ridge St., Ishpeming, Mich.
June 3-4. The Kalamazoo Geological and Mineralogical Society will hold a Rockfest at the Kalamazoo County Center Building, Lake Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan. For information contact Mrs. W. Spafford, 9511 Woodlawn Drive, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

## HLIVOIS GEOLOGICAL SURVEY Earth Science Field Trips. spring 1961.

## April 15th, Sparta, Randolph County

The Sparta region, underlain by coalbearing rocks, has long been an important coal producing area. There are several large strip mines nearby. West of Sparta, Mississippian limestones. shales and sandstones crop out. Assemble at Sparta High School, 9 a.m.

## May 6, Hamilton, Hancock County

Hamilton is in the heart of the famous geode collecting area. These geologic curiosities contain crystals of a variety of minerals, and there will be an opportunity to collect geodes and fossils. Assemble, Hamilton High School, 9 a.m.

## May 20, Morris, Grundy County

We will be near the Mazon Creek and Braidwood plant fossil collecting areas as well as several good quarries and outcrops where animal fossils are abundant. Assemble at Morris High School, 9 a.m.

Your attendance is encouraged without previous arrangement.

## RIP RAP

The ocean is looked upon more and more as a fertile field for research. Federal funds for oceanozraphy are estimated at $\$ 16,703,000$ in fiscal 1961, up one-third from last year. Funds for solid earth sciences (geology, geochemistry, geophysics, and paleontology) are estimated at $\$ 33,408,000$ in fiscal 1961 , about the same as last year. . . . . . A test site for drilling into the sub-ocean crust of the earth has been chosen near Guadalupe Island off the western coast of Mexico. Depth of the ocean at that point is ahout 2.3 miles. This experimental drilling is expected to show whether an unmoored ship can be kept in place by means of large outboard motors, and how the equipment considered for the fortheoming major Mohole probe may be expected to perform.

Future supplies of major metals are under study by Resources for the Future. Iron, aluminum, copper, lead, zinc, and manganese will be surveyed. Another study in progress covers aspects of the long-term policy position of the United States with respect to foreign trade and the relationship between domestic production and imports.

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## Our Authors



DR. EDWARD H. KRAUS
DR. EDWARD H. KRAUS is Dean Emeritus, College of Literature, Science and Arts, University of Michigan, and is certainly among the most widely known and highly respected mineralogists in the world. He is a graduate of Syracuse University and received h's Ph.D. degree at the University of Munich in 1901. His association with the University of Michigan began in 1904 as an assistant professor of mineralogy, and he held successively more responsible positions until his appointment as Dean in 1933.

Although retired, Dr. Kraus has kept in close touch with the field of mineralogy and his scientific studies and writings (now numbering over 100 books and articles) have continued unabated.

PROF. BURKE SMITH, Jr., author of our article on Stonehenge, is a well known biologist in the Midwest. He has contributed a number of fine articles to this and other magazines and bulletins in the past and has lectured extensively on the subjects of Paleontology and Biology. He holds a Master's Degree from the University of Chicago, and is now teaching at the Illinois Institute of Technology. His extensive trip through the British Isles last year inspired him to write this article about Stonehenge, which though much written about, still provides much room for speculation concerning its date and conditions of origin.

## June issue ad deadline is April 10th!

## Midwest Club News

Mrs. Bernice Rexin, Club Editor 3934 N. Sherman Blyd. Milwaukee 16, Wisconsin

COLUMBUS ROCK AND MINERAL SOCIETY on January 27 held its second annual competitive exhibit for junior members. The Michael Cenci Memorial Trophy was won by 11 year old Linda Hankey for her winning entry of minerals and man's use of them. It was presented to her by George Maher who won it in 1960 for his outstanding display of fossils. This award is given in memory of Michael Cenci who died in 1959 at the age of nine years. Michael was an enthusiastic member of the society and his brief life was brightened by collecting and studying fossils which he dearly loved.

LINCOLN GEM AND MINERAL CLUB is sponsoring a series of lapidary classes for its members. A favorite medium of the student lapidaries is Fairburn agate which the club collects on its annual trip to the rock beds at Crawford and Orella, Nebraska.

BLACK HAWK GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY OF IOWA has accepted the invitation of the Tri-State Gem and Mineral Society of Dubuque to join it for a two-day get-together during May. Members of the clubs will be divided into three groups for field trips. One group will be for those interested in agates, a second for members who want to collect minerals and the third group for fossil hunters. Swap fests, brag sessions and an informal program are planned. All societies near Dubuque, Iowa have been invited to participate in this event.
BLACK HAWK GEM AND MINERAL CLUB OF ILLINOIS held an exhibit of gems, minerals and fossils at its January meeting and awarded prizes for the displays judged best by its members. The club recently celebrated its sixth birthday and looked back on a history of numerous field trips and frequent displays. It covers the quad-cities, Moline and Rock Island, Illinois and Davenport and Bettendorf, Lowa.
MINERALORIST SOCIETY OF JOLIET had the pleasure of hearing guest speaker, Dr. Carel Otto, research chemist for the Pure Oil Laboratories at Crystal Lake, Illinois, talk on the subject, "The Geology of Oil." He covered the matter of its origin and the geology of its accumulation in a very thorough manner, at their January meeting.
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# MIDWEST' FEDERATION <br> GEMS AND MINERALS FAIR AND 21ST ANNUAL CONVENTION 

Saginaw County Fair Grounds, Saginaw, Michigan<br>June 29, 30, July 1, 2, 1961

The Tri-County Rocks and Minerals Society, Ine of Saginaw, Bay, and Midland Counties, Michigan, extend a most hearty invitation to the 94 member clubs of the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies to participate in the 1961 Gems and Minerals Fair. Fifty thousand square feet of floor space have been reserved for your use with an additional 8,000 square feet to be held in reserve. Five buildings for sure, and a sixth in reserve. Will we need this much space? Yes, if you, the member societies and the individual members of the Federation, support the Federation and your annual show.

This is your chance to show the Federation that yours is an active society. This is your chance to prove to yourselves that it's fun to belong, to make new friends, to meet old friends, to see the best of the Midwest collections on display. This is a chance for bulletin editors to get together, to sit down at the annual banquet to a wonderful meal, and top it off with a most distinguished and famous "Mid-Westerner" as guest speaker-the fabulous June Zeitner of Mission, South Dakota.

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Midwest's President Has A New Gavel by W. H. de NUEI


A Memorial to Gus H. Brown

IN the early months of 1960 , Dency Brown was the Midwest Federation's Social Courtesy Chairman. At that time, as we all know, she was the wife of our good friend, that dedicated supporter of Midwest, the late Gus Brown of the Des Moines Lapidary Society. Inasmuch as 1960 was the Midwest's 20th year. Dency and Gus came up with the idea that a sort of anniversary present would be a nice thing to present to the MWF at the Ishpeming Convention and decided a president's gavel would be an appropriate and proper gift. They did me the honor of
selecting me to design and make the gavel, and I immediately went to work on it. Unfortunately the material I used turned out unsatisfactorily, and as there wasn't time enough before the convention to do the job over, it was decided to put the matter off until fall; so there the project rested.

Meantime, Doris Kemp had taken on the responsibility of Social Courtesies and promptly revived the project. We are happy to report it was brought to a conclusion in time for presentation at the first 1961 Midwest Executive Committee Meeting held in

March at Downers Grove, Illinois. At this meeting the gavel was officially presented by Doris Kemp to President Floyd Mortenson. It was understood that this gavel will be presented to each new president at the Annual MWF Banquet held in conjunction with the Annual Convention for usage during his term of office.
In view of the Browns' ardent and enthusiastic support of the Midwest's activities, and the further fact that the idea of making and presenting a gavel originated with them, it was decided, with Dency Brown's approval, to dedicate the gavel as a memorial to Gus Brown. The dedication plate reads as follows:

> Dedicated to the Memory of Gus H. Brown
> for Outstanding Devotion to the Midwest Federation

The contributors to this project hope their gift will keep green the memory of a good friend; we think it will be especially appropriate and helpful when the Executive Committee deliberates Midwest's problems and makes its decisions, to have before it a reminder of the dedicated attitude and enthusiastic participation heretofore brought to these meetings by Gus H. Brown.

The head of the gavel is made of grey-green Jade with the MWF symbol and dates sandblasted and gilded. The handle is rosewood; box is walnut with red velvet liner; dedication plaque of bronze.

In making Midwest's new jade gavel, the only new problem lay in getting the two protruding bands at the ends of the head to run in a true circle around the head. With our old hand-assembled saw I was finally able to mount the jade blank (an octagonal block $21 / 2$ inches long) in the clamp in such a manner that it could be turned, without other motion, while the saw cut a pair of parallel grooves on each end of the blank. This action was similar to placing the blank in a turning lathe, and using the saw as a grinding tool. These grooves were perfectly circular and equally spaced. After cut-
ting them, the freehand grinding to final shape vas relatively simple, using the grooves as guidelines.

Sanding was done as much as possible on our regular sanding drums. Where necessary to get into corners, etc., I used our Dental Laboratory flexible shaft (a wonderful asset to any shop) with 1 -inch disks of carborundum cloth of graduated grades. Polishing was started on a felt buff with tin oxide and finished on a soleleather buff with Linde A powder.

Striking surfaces are faced with Vinyl tile. This material (though soft) grinds and polishes under water exactly as jade does. The MWF emblem and the dates (on opposite sides) were ptched by sandblasting, as deseribed in EARTH SCIENCE, February, 1960. However, since this does not show up well on other dark material, I experimented with white, silver and gilt paint, and after comparing samples, filled in the etching with gilt. The handle, turned from rosewood by a woodworking friend, is mounted with epoxy cement. Paul Sayler, president of our Minnesota Mineral Club, was kind enough to drill the half-inch hole to take the handle, we having no drill in our shop at the time. Paul also assembled the wood portion of the box for me. Really the toughest part of the whole job was installing the velvet liner in the box, nor, in my opinion, did it turn out too well. Velvet in such small pieces is stiff and springy as wire screen, and creeps as it is applied under pressure. Furthermore, the "nest" is cut in styrofoam, and every adhesive we had in our shop simply dissolved cavities into it. Finally used ordinary mucilage, which didn't harm the styrofoam.
I find a great deal of pleasure in carving jade-do quite a bit of it-but the making of this gavel, being for Midwest and in memory of Gus Brown, was a particular treat.
N.B. For those who might like further information concerning Gus Brown, and his efforts in behalf of the Midwest Federation, refer to our August, 1960 issue, pp. 128-9.

# Excavating Ree Indian Sites 

By JUNE CULP ZEITNER

ALONG the Missouri River of South Dakota, where once the Ree or Arikara Indians lived, the government is now constructing huge dams which shortly will inundate thousands of acres of land. Groups from Universities and museums, besides private individuals, are being encouraged to dig for artifacts which if not recovered now may be permanently lost.

The Arikaras were not related to the Sioux. Ethnologists think they may have been related to the Pawnees or perhaps even the Aztecs. They lived in our area in the 17th century. They lived in oval-shaped lodges instead of tepees and their villages were permanent.

The chief occupation of these people was agriculture. They raised maize or corn, squash, beans, and tobacco. Much wild fruit grew then as now along the river. Hunting and fishing also supplemented their diet.

Epidemics such as smallpox all but destroyed the tribe in the 19th cen-
tury. The last few intermarried with the Mandan of North Dakota so at the present time Rees no longer exist as a separate American Indian tribe.

Many interesting sidelights of life among the Rees are coming to light as the excavations progress. The artifacts being uncovered are exceptionally good.

Arrowheads are symmetrical and finely chipped. They vary in size from bird points of $1 / 2$ inch to big game points of 3 inches or more. The materials used seem largely from the Badlands of western South Dakota as the Missouri River basin area is not highly mineralized. Chalcedony was a favorite stone; some points are petrified wood, others are jasper, carnelian, flint, agate, quartzite, and quartz. Spearheads made of the same materials are up to 5 inches in length. Perhaps the most beautiful examples of their work are the delicately carved stone fishhooks.
Thatos: Courteny W. H. Over Museum, University of South Dakota.


Arikara Earth Lodge, Swan Creek Village, Missouri Valley, South Dakota.

Stones found other uses in the daily life of the Ree. Well sharpened and shaped stones were used as hide scrapers. Knives, axes, hoes, and hammers were made of stone. Mortars and pestles of stone ground their corn. Both war clubs and peace pipes were made of stone. Hematite, limonite, charcoal and chalk were used as paints. Sandstone, or scoria was used for abraders and polishers. Clay was used for pottery. Stones also were used for personal ornament. Many beads have been found of catlinite and copper, indicating these Indians traded extensively with other tribes.

After stone the next important tool material to these people was bone. Here again the artistry of this tribe seems very advanced. Some of the skillfully-shaped bone tools were highly polished.

Beads, whistles, diggers, awls, arrow shaft wrenches and knives were made of bone. Handles for stone knives were made of bone. Large flat bones were used for hoes or spatulas. Compression flakers were made of antler tips. Buffalo horns made spoons and ladles.

Many pieces of worked bone have been found which so far there are no answers for. Some items like whole teeth of buffalo or elk and claws of birds such as hawk or eagle, were probably used in ceremonials but we cannot be sure.

Deer antlers found in the excavations may have been rakes. One tool was used for flattening porcupine quills. "Snow snakes" used in a game were made of antler tips. Antlers were also used for fish spears.

Some worked rib bones seem to have been used for a type of calender. Needles are made of bone. Often a bone apparently used as a comb turns up.

Clams from the river also played a part in the life of these Indians. Probably they ate the clams. Then the shells were used for spoons, ladles, dishes and particularly for personal adornment. Pendants, beads, amulets of shiny iridescent clam were extremely popular.

The Ree pottery was made of native clays. Most of it is dark although some light brown pieces are found. Much of the pottery was decorated with ge-


Human Skeletons, Swan Creek Village, Missouri Valley, South Dakota.
ometric patterns. Although most of the poottery is broken we can easily see that it was artistically made for people who liked utilitarian objects to be beautiful as well. Fragile appearing handles were attached so firmly that the handles themselves are seldom broken. Intricate patterns were even carved in the handles.

The charred corncobs often found in the excavations are seldom more than $i_{2}$ inch in diameter, or 2 inches in length. Tiny kernels were in 8 rows. Charred squash and plum seeds are round in fire pits.

The Rees were a highly cultured group of people, living a peaceful and comfortable life when the first white men found them in the early 1700 's. Less than two centuries later the tribe
was extinct. However they have left their mark on the history of this land. Even l.ewis and Clark write about meeting the Ree Indians.

It is hoped that the extensive salvage work now taking place will furnish ethnologists with a more complete history of the origin, movements, and accomplishments of this little known tribe. The Smithsonian is directing much of the recovery work. Archeologists from the University of South Dakota are also active. Members of the State Fish, Game, and Parks Commission are also helping with this work on their own time. It is hoped that when the digging is over and the lands flooded with water that a museum or suitable memorial will be erected in the area commemorating the Ree Indians.


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## IN MEMORIAM

IT is with deep regret that we note the passing of Dr. A. L. Inglesby of Fruita, Utah, in November 1960. Few collectors in the entire country were better or more favorably known than Dr. Inglesby, and his own private museum in his home in the Capitol Reef National Monument was one of the most outstanding in private hands.

Dr. Inglesby, "Doc" as he was affectionately known by his hundreds of friends, was a most versatile individual, being a dentist, a miner, stage line operator, prospector, gem and mineral collector and just plain rockhound.

A graduate of Northwestern University Dental College, he arrived in Utah in 1900. He first located in Murcur, and later in Bingham, and was the driving force in the creation of the Capitol Reef National Monument which deed alone will memorialize him for many long years to come.

An inveterate collector, he contacted and traded with dealers all over the country, and many beautiful specimens, especially of Utah petrified woods, may be seen in practically all the great museums and in many of the better private collections. He will be greatly missed in mineralogical circles.

## AMBER LORE <br> by LILLIAN MIHELCIC

AMBER may be only a fossil wood but it has been a prime favorite with the peoples of all ages, extending well backward into the vast eons of time befor Homer into the present age. Discoveries of amber in the barrows of prehistoric people indicate that it was regarded as valuable and as precious as gold. Here it was frequently found in the form of necklaces seeming to indicate that they were to be used by the owners in the world into which they had passed. These early beads were but lumps of amber with holes drilled through them.

Pliny states that it was regarded as possessing great medicinal value as a
preventative of delirium, weak eyes and ailments of the stomach. The original purpose of amber mouthpieces was talismanic - a guard against infection. The ancients were aware of its electrical susceptibilities and gave it the name "electrum."

The Romans considered amber in high esteem as a talisman against danger and witcheraft (a danger considered then even more real than at the present time). These charms frequently took the form of figurines and if the amber contained an insect it was most highly prized.

Certain museums in Europe have in their possession complete cups made of amber. The Chinese frequently make an amber incense. The astrologers are not too positive of the place of amber but in most cases it is placed under the influence of Leo.

Mineralogically, amber is considered a non-metallic, in the same class as petroleum and asphaltum. Frequently a bit of sulfur in certain ambers is found, and at times pyrites are formed in it. Then, of course, there are the entrapped insects, twigs, feathers, and straws. What a study of botany and zoology is possible here!

Amber has been found all over the world. Some of it in the United States, in the green sands of New Jersey, for instance. But the most important source of all is the Baltic shore line. particularly along East Prussia. This amber is known as succinite, a source of succinic acid. It is the favorite trade amber of a yellow color. The ivory colored is known as bone amber. The most colorful is simetite, a Sicilian amber that may be deep red, blue. or green. Rumanite, a Rumanian amber found in carbonaceous sandstone, is frequently iridescent. Burmite amber comes from Burma. Jet, at one time, was considered a form of black amber.

Amber is light, insoluble in water and gives off an aromatic odor when heated. When crushed into a fine powder, it is soluble in sulfuric acid. It can be mixed with alkali to form a liquid soap.

# Albert E. Foote, M.D., Naturalist 

by EDWARD H. KRAUS*

"HE has done a special work for mineralogy in this country which entitles his name to honor and regard. The great business that he has built up, and administered, we trust may be equally successful."**

The man referred to is Dr. Albert E. Foote, a graduate in medicine from the University of Michigan, who turned away from medical practice in favor of teaching. His career as scientist, naturalist, and entrepreneur was comparatively brief-he died, in 1895, at the age of 49 . But within that span of years he had created a considerable following among scientists and had established a business which was destined to survive him. Foote Mineral Company still bears his name-and, some 83 years after its founding, still bears the imprint of the energetic and dedicated naturalist who established the Company as an extension of his own academic curiosity.

Albert E. Foote was born in 1846 at Hamilton, Madison County, New York. His ancestors were among the earliest settlers of Massachusetts, some of whom were active in the Revolutionary War. One of them, James Otis, was a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Following a period of study at the Academy at Cortland, New York, young Foote attended Madison University, now Colgate University, and Harvard University, where he specialized in the sciences. In February, 1865 , he entered the literary department, now known as the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, of the University of Michigan as a student pursuing "selective studies." In the following September he was admitted to the Medical Department and received the degree of Doctor of Medicine on June 25, 1867, at the age of 21.
After receiving his M.D. degree, young Foote, who had demonstrated marked efficiency in chemistry, was given an assistantship in the department and served in that capacity until June, 1868. He was then appointed Assistant Professor of Chemistry at the Iowa State Agricultural College at Ames, where he had the responsibility of developing the department. In 1869 the College granted Foote a leave of absence, which permitted him to visit agricultural colleges, laboratories, and museums in England, France and Germany. After his return to Ames he was successful in developing a wellequipped and efficient laboratory,


The famous foote label on mineral specimens was valued for two sterling virtues-the data it gave was correct; and the glue Dr. Foote used to fix it to the mineral never seemed to lose its grip.
which at that time was considered to be one of the best in the country. In 1871 he was advanced to full professor.

Early in life Albert Foote became intensely interested in minerals, as well as in all phases of natural history. He was an ardent collector. In the summer of 1868 , with a party of thirteen students from the University of Michigan, he spent five months exploring the country around and north of Lake Superior. In this endeavor he succeeded in advancing the knowledge of the natural history of the region and also in collecting many valuable specimens. While at the Iowa State Agricultural College Foote continued his interest in minerals and made numerous collecting trips to the Lake Superior area, Arkansas, New Mexico, and the Rocky Mountain region. On various occasions the results of his observations and discoveries were reported to the American Association for the Advancement of Science and other organizations.

We may thank Dr. Foote for at least five new mineralogical species: zonochlorite, mazapilite, paramelaconite, cacoclasite and (of course) footite. He


Albert E. Foote in 1869, at age 23.
"rediscovered" Magnet Cove in Arkansas and obtained beautiful specimens of rutilated quartz, arkansite, wavellite and variscite. He was known for magnificent zircons obtained from Canada, copper minerals from Arizona and New Mexico, hanksite and other minerals from California.

Dr. Foote was so successful in accumulating a very large collection of minerals that he decided to have an exhibit at the Centennial Exposition which was held in Philadelphia in 1876. The exhibit consisted of many excellent and unusual specimens and attracted wide attention. Dr. Foote was given the highest award by the exposition authorities for his exhibit. According to the late Charles R . Toothaker, who worked for Dr. Foote for five years, 1890-1895, Foote's collection was so large that many excellent specimens could not be exhibited in the rather limited space available in the exposition hall. Accordingly he rented a building adjacent to the exposition grounds to show and store large quantities of his material.

Among the visitors to the Foote exhibit were many teachers of chemistry, geology, and mineralogy, and collectors who were greatly impressed with Foote's exhibit. As some desired to purchase specimens, Dr. Foote took them to see the material he had in the building outside the exposition grounds. Much to his surprise, he soon was doing a brisk business selling, buying and trading specimens, which enabled him to support his family. Accordingly, Foote decided to stay in Philadelphia and establish himself as a dealer in minerals and objects of natural history at 1223 Belmont Avenue.

In order to secure a wide distribution of his specimens and collections, Foote began publishing in 1876 "The Naturalists' Leisure Hour and Monthly Bulletin". This unique monthly was a combination of scientific and general educational articles and personal communications relating to the whole field of natural history, In each issue, considerable space was
naturally devoted to advertising his merchandising activities, which were no longer confined to minerals but extended over the much wider field of natural history and even included medicine.

A selection of a few of the articles contained in a typical issue, such as that of January, 1880, clearly illustrates Foote's endeavor to serve the public educationally and scientifically: "The Stethoscope Song-a Professional Ballad," by Oliver Wendell Holmes; "The Value of First-Hand Information," by D. B. Dalby; "Gluten Flour for Diabetics," by E. J. Hallock: "Physical Education," by Herbert Spencer; a communication dated Ann Arbor, December 2, 1879, to Dr. Foote from Professor Alexander Winchell concerning Winchell leaving his position at Vanderbilt University ; and an extended discussion of the mineral quartz and its varieties. The minor articles in this issue also covered a wide range of interesting topics. In the monthly issues of "The Naturalists' Leisure Hour," Foote always called attention to his specimens, collections, and books in the various fields of natural history which he had for sale. In fact, in some issues whole pages advertising these items were in French and German.

Since "The Naturalists" Leisure Hour" had a very large circulation, A. E. Foote became recognized throughout the world as a highly reputable business man. He frequently published lists of some of the scientists with whom he had dealings, as well as the colleges, universities and museums which were his regular customers. These lists were very impressive, for they contained the names of many leading scientists, collectors, educational institutions and museums of the world of the period from 1876 to 1895 , when Foote died.

According to Toothaker, Foote was constantly making collecting trips to important mineral localities such as Joplin, Missouri; Pikes Peak, Colorado; Canyon Diablo, Arizona; Organ Mountains, New Mexico; Guanajuato,

Zacatecas, Quaretara, Mexico; as well as to Mount Vesuvius and famous localities in Sicily, Sardinia, Algeria, Greece, Sweden and elsewhere. On his frequent European trips he always managed to visit the British Museum and the leading mineralogists, scientists, and museums on the continent. Foote's business expanded rapidly and he was obliged to move from 1223 Belmont Avenue to obtain larger space, first to 4116 Elm Avenue and later to 1224-26-28 North 41st Street.

Foote was greatly interested in meteorites and was always on the lookout for new finds. Early in 1891 he heard of a "mine of native iron" at Canyon Diablo, Arizona, and in June he made a trip to the locality and found three large masses of meteoric iron-201, 154 , and 40 pounds respectively. Aside from the large masses referred to, Foote collected from the locality 131 fragments ranging in weight from one-eighth of an ounce to six pounds ten ounces.

The 40 -pound specimen was broken by a trip hammer, and one of the pieces was sent for examination to Professor George A. Koenig, the distinguished chemical mineralogist at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Koenig reported that "in cutting the meteoric iron for study, it had been found of an extraordinary hardness, the action taking a day and a half, and a number of chisels having been destroyed in the process." On examination Koenig found small diamonds in the meteoric iron. He could not account for the extraordinary hardness except that it was due to the presence of the diamonds. Further examination revealed that over a dozen specimens contained diamonds.

Toothaker, who worked for Foote at this time, reported that Foote made arrangements with the owner of the locality that specimens he and his associates might find during a period of one year were to be sent to him, and that his competitor, Henry A. Ward, founder of Ward's Natural Science Establishment, Rochester, New York, was not to get any.


Dr. Albert E. Foote and his son Warren at the New Orleans Exposition of 1885. Like several other Foote exhibits of minerals, this comprehensive display also won an award.

An article by Foote describing this find of meteoric iron and the conclusion reached by Professor Koenig that the iron contains diamonds was read before the American Association for the Advancement of Science. August 20,1891 , and later published in the American Journal of Science. As a result of this wide publicity, specimens of the Canyon Diablo meteoric iron were sold to all the important museums and collectors throughout the world.

With the rapid development of the United States during the closing decades of the Nineteenth Century, the exploitation of our mineral resources and the advances in technology, Foote began to receive requests to supply large quantities of minerals. For example, in 1893 he received an order for a thousand pounds of rutile for use in chemical research.

As Dr. Foote had contracted tuberculosis, he was obliged to leave Philadelphia some time during the fall months and spend the winter in a warm climate. In 1895 the State of Pennsylvania decided to have an exhibit at the Atlanta, Georgia Exposi-
tion. Foote was appointed a member of the commission to plan the exhibit. He supplied a large part of the exhibit and installed it in the Mining Building. In this undertaking he was assisted by Toothaker. The Exposition opened on September 18, 1895. Later the weather at Atlanta was rough and cold, and Foote stayed too long. He died on November 10, 1895, at the age of 49 .

Although Dr. Foote died in middle age, through his great energy and comprehensive knowledge of the sciences he made many significant and enduring contributions. He was most favorably known the world over, and indeed the name Foote is still indelibly linked with the mineral and chemical industries.

His death did not go unnoticed. Professor E. S. Dana wrote: "My relations with the late Dr. Foote extended over some twenty years and I thus had full opportunity to become acquainted with the unfailing activity and tireless enthusiasm which he devoted to his mineralogical work . . . His work was carried on with the same energy even
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# STONEHENGE, England's Noted Relic 

By BURKE SMITH, JR.

A FEW minutes' drive north from the old cathedral town of Salisbury takes you to an even more ancient religious site, the remains of Stonehenge. This ruined temple is at first view a startling sight amid the wheat fields and pleasant rolling pasture land of Southern England. Seen from a distance on a fine summer day, with white clouds lazing over peaceful Salisbury Plain, the dark cluster of stones seems almost unreal. It is hard to imagine the intense industry of the people who set the stones upright here some thirty-four hundred years ago.

Not by accident was Stonehenge built on Salisbury Plain. From the time that Britain became an island, this region offered advantages to settlement. The thin upland soil underlain by chalk sustained the crops and herds of prehistoric man here, but not the swamps and dense forests hostile to him. It can be reached by three rivers: the Thames from the east, and the two Avons, one from the west, the other from the south, which flows within a mile of Stonehenge. Also hills extend in all directions, providing another set of ready-made travel routes. To the west stretch the Mendip Hills and the Downs of Dorset; to the north. the White Horse Hills
and the Cotswolds; to the northeast, the Chiltern Hills, and to the southeast the Downs of Surrey and Sussex. Those who built Stonehenge must have considered it the center of their world, as London is to modern Britain.

If you stop on the road from Amesbury to Warminster today and pay your sixpence to the blue-uniformed guard (for the site is now a national monument) you can enter the enclosure and examine the stones at leisure. At close range, they appear more impressive than at a distance. The original builders planned an outer circle of upright stones; seventeen of the original thirty, set in a ring ninety-seven feet across, still stand. Each upright is over thirteen feet high, seven feet wide and two feet thick. Stones are spaced three feet apart with massive lintels spanning ten feet from center to center at the top. Eight giants, six of them capped with lintels, rise inside the outer circle. These are twenty to twenty-five feet high above ground, which is here scattered with fallen stones, making a good place for visiting children to play hide-and-seek. As you walk around you will notice a number of slender uprights about eight feet high interspersed among the others, and you may


THE GREAT STONE CIRCLE at STONEHENGE
also notice that there are several large stones outside the enclosure. The whole accumulation sits in the middle of a flat grassy prominence which commands a fine view of the surrounding plain.

You might wonder, as the weight of these ancient, lichen-covered stones becomes apparent to you, how men with only primitive tools could have brought them here, erected them, and placed the heavy lintels on top. In imagination you might also picture a procession of Druids arriving to prepare a sacrifice as smoke from a sacred fire rose upward, and the victim, perhaps human, was readied for slaughter at sunrise. Thousands of tourists have imagined likewise over the centuries. The site was described by Samuel Pepys in his diary after a visit here. The antiquarian, Aubrey, whose plan of Stonehenge made in 1666 is now in the Bodleian Library at Oxford, was the first to describe a circle of holes which ring the outer edges of the site. These holes are still known as "Aubrey holes" in his honor. William Stukley made a good field survey in 1723, but his later ideas associating Stonehenge with Druid rites are considered questionable today, to say the least. In 1771 Dr. John Smith observed that the sun rises on the longest day of the year directly in line with a certain stone outside the circle, known as the Heelstone. This observation stirred up a great deal of interest which has continued to the present day on the alignment of Stonehenge, and suggests that the sun played an important part in the festivals or rituals that went on there.

Before archaeology became a science, the unique value of Stonhenge was not generally realized. During the Middle Ages the Church encouraged people to destroy pagan remains and over the centuries farmers and artisans carted off stones from the site to build local bridges, streets and buildings. Fortunately the size of the larger stones saved them from destruction, although several of them toppled as a result of digging by treasure seekers.

In 1922 the British Government took over the site, and scientific digging and restoration have been carried on periodically since that date. We now have many facts with which to test theories about this astonishing structure. For instance, we know where most of the stones came from to build the monument. Airplane photographs taken in 1923 show definite traces of an avenue, first mentioned by Stukely in 1723, which leads up to Stonehenge from the Avon River at West Amesbury. The Salisbury Museum contains many objects, including pottery, which tell us by inference what kind of men built and used the monument from the time of the Stone Age onward. We know that the Druids had nothing to do with the building of Stonehenge, and if they used the site at all, were not important in its history. In spite of the available evidence, which has told us much, the fundamental enigma of just how and why prehistoric men used the monument, will probably always remain to tantalize our curiosity.

Stonehenge was intentionally built to face northeast, as were most other prehistoric stone circles in southwest England and Wales. The Avenue previously mentioned runs straight in that direction for some five hundred yards from the stone circle before it curves ; it then continues in traces for about a mile and a half almost to the river. As you stand looking northeast among the stones you can picture this Avenue as it might have looked to a group of warrior-priests about 1000 B.C., as they marched up it on a festival day, after disembarking from a trip up the river. The processional way was roughly the width of a fourlane highway-forty-seven feet wide. Banks eight feet high were built from the excavation of an outer ditch on either side, and may have had rows of posts along the way, although no trace of the pusts survives today.

Before reaching the outermost stone circle, the procession may have paused at the large pointed Heelstone before continuing some seventy-five feet to cross the circular ditch and embank-


## PLAN OF STONEHENGE

At the left, as the stones originally stood; at right, as they now lie.
ment surrounding the monument site. Erosion has reduced the height of the bank to a swell of earth, now easily overlosed, but it must originally have been as high as the banks on the Avenue and may have served as a grandstand, three-hund a feet in diameter, from which an audience could observe ceremonies taking place inside the circle of stones. It is a peculiarity of Stonehenge that the circular bank is inside the surrounding ditch which supplied the earth for its erection. At nearby Avebury and simpler stone circles in Britain, earthworks were thrown up outside the ditch. Whether this was done for defense, or to separate an audience from the inner sanctuary, we do not know for certain. Perhaps the ceremonies at Stonehenge were of such a nature that at certain times the watching crowds could leave their perch on the banks and join in the ritual.

Just inside the embankment, you will find a series of white markers which indicate the "Aubrey Holes." These holes, three feet deep and five feet in diameter, were dug out of solid chalk and occur every sixteen feet, making a large circle two hundred and eighty-eight feet across. The center of this circle does not quite coincide with the center of the outer stone circle, being two and one-half feet south of where it ought to be. Since we think the builders of Stonehenge were quite capable of locating the two circles from a precise center, this raises the question as to whether the Aubrey holes were put in at the time the stones were erected, or at an earlier date. There are some other unusual things about these holes.


Stones strewn about by the ravages of the elements.

When the archaeologists, Hawley and Newall, rediscovered the fifty-six locations from marks shown on Aubrey's map, they found that most of the holes contained parts of cremated human skeletons. Yet some of these holes had the chalk around the rim broken, as though there had been upright stones or wooden pillars inserted and later pulled out. One theory to explain the complex history of the Aubrey holes is that the holes were made for a stone circle built much earlier than the Stonehenge one. If so, it was for some reason torn down, perhaps to make room for the later Stonehenge, and the cremated remains were added much later.

We can picture only with unaided imagination the rituals that took place two thousani years ago inside the stone cirche whare you now stand, but we are much more certain as rto how Stonehenge was constructed. Bhsically the design of the place comprises two outer circles of stones surrounding two sets of stones arranged in a horseshoe plan, one inside the other. The open ends of the horseshoes face northeast toward the Avenue; in the opposite direction, near the toes of the inner horseshoe, is a large flat slab which could have served as an altar. If you stand facing northeast at this stone on June twenty-first of any year, the sun will rise over the Heelstone, just as it did for Dr. John Smith in 1771, as well as for the builders of Stonehenge in prehistoric times. This seems to indicate that the sun played some part in the building and use of Stonehenge: but whether the sun itself was the object of worship, or whether it served to set the date for fest vals or rituals,


SITE OF THE STONEHENGE
Large standing stones are numbered. 1-30 Sarsen Circle; 51-60 Trilithons: 80 Alter Stone; 96 Heel Stone.
is still a matter of opinion.
The outer circle of stones we have described at the beginning of this article. These stones with their spanning lintels are known as Sarsen stones, a term whose meaning is obscure. The inner stone circle originally contained about fifty small uprights, only twenty-one of which are left, as they were easier to cart away than the Sarsen stones. The giant stones which make up the outer horseshoe are the climax of the whole monument. There were originally five pairs, each capped with a separate lintel. Each pair with its lintel is known as a "trilithon" or separate unit of three stones. The tallest trilithon, of which only a single upright is left, is directly behind the altar stone at the toe of the horseshoe, and the others are on each side of it in descending heights. The tallest stone measures thirty feet from top to bottom, of which eight feet is underground. The trilithon uprights were set with only about a foot between them on their inner sides, with a distance between pairs of ten feet. Three complete trilithons stand today, including one which was reset in 1958. By comparison the innermost horseshoe is insignificant in size. Only eight small stones remain of the original nineteen, standing six to eight feet high.

The weathered gray-brown stones, tinged green with lichens, look deceptively alike, but they are actually of several origins. Those forming the outer Sarsen circle, and the large trilithons, are native Wiltshire sandstone, formed in Tertiary geologic time. This stone varies greatly in strength, ranging from a granite-like hardness to the crumbling softness of sugar. Outcroppings exist in northern Wiltshire, where the stone is now used in roadbuilding. Probably no large stones were found at Stonehenge, but within a radius of twenty miles, especially around Marlborough to the north, there could have been solid chunks of Sarsen lying exposed for prehistoric stonemasons to work on. There are no chisel marks on the stones; apparently they were pounded into shape directly with hammerstones the size of a baseball or larger. Perhaps fire and water were used to crack them into rough chunks to start with. Men alone must have pulled the hugh stones to the building site. Very likely the dressed stones were set on log rollers or on a $V$-shaped sledge made from the fork of a tree, and pulled with the aid of thong ropes mile by mile, as stones were moved to build the Pyramids.
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## Notes of New Pliohippus Find

by ROBERT STEELE

IN the northern section of the Tehachapi Mountain Range, near Bed Rock Canyon there is an outcropping of rock strata of Thaison age, said to be not less than ten million years old, in which I have recently found many excellent mammalian fossils which are deserving of closer field exploration and study.

As the picture will show, these teeth are in the most excellent state of preservation, many being still rooted in the jaw bone, and their enamel almost as perfect as when it existed in the living animal, which is said to be quite unusual. I have at least one complete set intact.

The teeth were examined by the resident paleontologist of the famous "La Brea" beds of the "Great Tar Pits," in Los Angeles, who identified them as belonging to the species Pliohippus, an early ancestor of the present day family of horses, which were much smaller in stature than the smallest Shetland Pony of today, and one of several monodactyl (one toed)
species. At least two species of Pliohippus are recognized, the well known P. Iullianus, Troxel, and P. pernix, the fossil remains of both of which are found in the valley of the Little White River near the town of Mission in the eastern part of the Rosebud Indian Reservation of South Dakota.

So well preserved are these fossils found in the Bed Rock Canyon Area, that some of the food yet remains between the teeth, in a fossilized state, and in such a condition that it might possibly be analyzed by the paleontologist if one should care to attempt it.

It is hoped that this district will be carefully worked more fully by those who are competent to do so, and if this should come about I would be glad to aid or direct them if contacted at my residence at 1381 Glenfinnon, in Covina, California.
N.B. For a detailed description concerning the evolution of EQUIDAE (Horse family), consult Bulletin No. 13, Department of Geology, South Dakota School of Mines (Rapid City, S.D.), by C. C. O'Harra.


[^1] Canyon, California.

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## Book Reviews 

HARKER'S PETROLOGY FOR STUDENTS. Alfred Harker. 8th edition. Revised by C. E. Tilley, S. R. Nockolds, and M. Black. New York: Cambridge University Press. 1960. 283 pp. Paperbound $\$ 1.95$.

The sub-title of this book is "An Introduction to the Study of Rocks under the Microscope," The first edition appeared in 1895. Succeeding editions have kept pace with developments in microscopy. The object of investigation, the author believes, should be not merely the composition of a rock but also its history. To this end the student should note texture, order of erystallization, intergrowths, interpositions, pseudomorphs, vesicles, etc.

Even the best microscopic examination and interpretation will probably never result in exact classification of rocks such as exists for chemical elements and physical forces because rocks of different types are often connected by insensible gradations. Perhaps because exact classification is wanting, the nomenclature of rocks is confusing. Many names originated prior to modern methods of investigation. Moreover, various writers in the field of petrology have arbitrarily changed the application of these older names and introduced new ones. The author rejects the principle followed by many continental writers of assigning one name to pre-Tertiary groups and another to Tertiary groups of the same characteristics.

Classification of igneous rocks depends not onfy on differences in mineral composition of the magmas from which the rocks were formed, but also on conditions attending their consolidation. For purposes of discussion the author begins with the igneous rocks which he divides into abyssal or plutonic, hypabyssal, and superficial or volcanic. Under these headings the families are arranged roughly in order from the more acid to the more basic. Thus under plutonic the arrangement is granites, syenites, diorites, gabbros, and peridotites; under hypabyssal it is quartz, porphyries, dolerites, and
lamprophyres; under volcanic it is rhyolites, trachytes, andesites, basalt. Sedimentary rocks are arranged under arenaceous (coarse detrital), argillaceous (finer detrital), calcareous, and fragmental volcanic. Metamorphic rocks are arranged under thermal metamorphism and dynamic metamorphism.

In an introductory chapter the author describes the type of microscope best suited for the study of rocks, i.e., one fitted with polarizing and analyzing prisms, and a rotating stage with graduated circle and index. Rocks analyzed are chiefly from locations in the British Isles but Canadian and U.S. sources are also widely cited. This book tells a great deal about rocks and does so with a minimum of verbiage. One of the most interesting sections, to this reviewer, is that on the nature of the cementing process in quartzite and the minerals of sand. Black and white drawings, with magnifications noted, illustrate the text.

THE TRUTH ABOUT ADAMS DIGgINGS. New Mexico's Own Lost Mine Story. Glen A. Burch, 10304 Propps Drive, N.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico. 19 pp. Paperbound $\$ 1.00$.

If you knew a winning combination of plays, would you sit out the evenings in your hotel room in Monte Carlo?

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The finished stones show evidence of refined craftsmanship. The uprights taper slightly at the top and are rounded at the bottom; this would make them easier to maneuver into place in the holes dug for them. Rounded knobs, or tenons, project at the top of each upright, and the capping stones have corresponding mortise holes into which the tenons fit snugly. Perhaps this construction was modeled after earlier wooden designs. The lintel stones which cap the uprights are curved to make a wellrounded circle. They also jut forward slightly at the top, to compensate for the foreshortening effect when seen from the ground. How these lintels were raised and placed is not clear. There is no evidence of a dirt ramp. which leaves us an alternative theory that they were placed on wooden cribs and raised level by level with the aid of a fulcrum and blocks. Today the stones are rough and pitted from centuries of exposure above ground, but when soil is removed from around the base of the uprights, the smooth, even texture of the original dressing can be seen.
The smaller stones of the inner circle and the inner horseshoe, with one exception, are not sandstone at all, but are technically classed as crystalline igneous dolerites or volcanic rhyolites. Because of their blue-green color when cut, they are commonly called bluestones. They are also known as Prescelly stones from a district in Welsh Pembrokeshire where they abound. There are numerous stone circles of a simple type around Prescelly, and some of the uprights used at Stonehenge are believed to have been taken from them. Such stones must have been highly prized to have been brought from such a distance, which is two hundred miles by sea. The large altar stone which lies within the inner horseshoe is of Welsh micaceous sandstone.

Stonehenge, like Rome, was not built in a day. Indications of building activity cover a period of at least five hundred years. Probably the first
structures were the circular ditch and bank, built at the ciose of the New Stone Age, about 2000 B.C. The Heel Stone may have served as a marker at the entrance at this early time. Also the Aubrey holes were probably dug inside the bank at this time, for use possibly as cremation pits or entrance holes to communicate with gods of the underworld.
By the year 1700 B.C., invaders from the Low Countries displaced the New Stone Age people who first created Stonehenge. These invaders, called the Beaker Folk from a particular type of earthen jar or beaker made by their women, were probably the ones who brought the bluestones from Prescelly and set them up anew in two circles. They also may have made the Avenue or processional way. Since the Beaker Folk had trade connections with Ireland, they must have known of the Prescelly bluestone circles. They were skilled seafarers and could have moved the heavy stones by sea, hanging them lengthwise in the water, suspended between two boats.

The history of this energetic people makes a fascinating story. Roundheaded in skull form, Mediterranean in origin (probably from Spain), they spread through Central Europe and in the middle Rhine valley mingled with a Nordic people, known as the BattleAxe people, before invading eastern and central England. Perhaps it was only coincidence that during this second stage at Stonehenge its layout was oriented in the direction of the rising sun. But it may also have been that the invaders brought with them a Mediterranean sun worship to displace the earth worship of their predecessors.

The third and crowning stage of Stonehenge came two hundred years later, around 1500 B.C. By this time the original Beaker folk had had time to consolidate their culture, which centered in the Salisbury Plain region. A group of strong rulers, known as Wessex Warrior Chiefs, controlled the whole area and a highly developed trading civilization flourished. Baltic amber, blue beads from Egypt, gold
and bronze from Ireland all found their way here as items of luxury and trade. Weapons and artifacts of the time show influences in some cases of the Mycenaean civilization of Greece, which was then the most advanced in the Mediterranean world.

It was under these auspices that the hugh Sarsen stones were made and set up to complete the monument at Stonehenge. At the same time, the bluestone circles were rearranged to form the circle and horseshoe, and the altar stone, Heel Stone and center of the inner horseshoe were arranged to be in line with the rising sun at Midsummer morning. Only a civilization of considerable size and population with powerful chiefs to command the men and supply the food, could have made possible this last impressive architectural feat. There must also have been a strong religious zeal to inspire the building of such a structure.

Who the guiding architect was for the final Stonehenge, we shall probably never know. An interesting speculation has been made that he was a wanderer from Mycenae, chief city of Greece. It is true that the large trilithon at Stonehenge resembles the postern gate of that city ; and recently faint traces of daggers of a type current in the eastern Mediterranean region have been found to be etched on some of the Sarsen uprights. Perhaps in addition to importing artifacts from Greece, the land of the Wessex Warrior Chiefs may also have imported an architect familiar with the temples of Mycenae. No ordinary explanation for the plan of Stonehenge is quite convincing, as it is the most refined and unique structure built by prehistoric man in Western Europe.

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 when his health was seriously impaired. The results of his labor are to be found in the development of American mineral localities and in the distribution of specimens not only throughout this country, but to many parts of the world, by which the knowledge of mineralogy and the general interest in its study have been much increased."Another prominent scientist, Professor Thomas Eggleston, wrote: "He was certainly the most enterprising mineral collector and merchant that we have had in this country. No one ever did so much to disseminate a knowledge of American minerals in Europe as he."

And a friend and contemporary of Foote, George F. Kunz, had this to say: "In the twenty-eight or thirty years of his collecting, he has placed in the cabinets of the world several millions of specimens, besides many thousands of small cabinets in which the specimens were sold as low as one hundred for a dollar. The impulse given and the facilities afforded both to beginners and to advanced collectors by this vast amount of distribution are beyond calculation in their influence on the development of this branch of study."

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## AGATE HUNTING IN NORTHEASTERN KANSAS

## By WILLIAM BOLTZ

Many people not familiar with the geological history of northeastern Kansas are surprised to learn that there are gem quality minerals to be found near Topeka, in Shawnee County, as well as Jackson, Jefferson, Douglas and Wabaunsee Counties.

The gem minerals consist of agates, jaspers, petrified wood, feldspars and other unidentified hard rocks which will take a fine polish-all of which are
foreign to this region and were deposited by the glaciers during the Ice Age.

The glacial ice sheet penetrated the area as far south as the southeastern corner of Shawnee County, near Richland, and left a series of terminal moraines extending northwestward towards Berryton, from there to the eastern boundary of Forbes Air Force Base, then north to Terra Heights on Highway 75 at about 49 th Street. From this point an extensive moraine is easily traced to the vicinity of 29 th Street and Gage. From there less prominent deposits appear in a southwestwardly line along Highway 4 to the vicinity of Dover, after which they turn northwestward towards Maple Hill and from there the moraines apparently cross the Kansas River near Wamego.

These moraines have produced some beautiful Lake Superior type agates in red and white banded colors. Gravel pits and other heavy construction dirt moving jobs have uncovered and exposed deeply buried gravel deposits which carry this distinctive type agate. These deeply buried beds are protected from the weather and the freezing and thawing action of winter, consequently they are less fractured than those in the more exposed areas.

Although most of the agates recovered are rather small-generally from pigeon to hen-egg size, however quite recently several have been found of a pound or more in size-some larger specimens of four pounds or more turn up now and then, but the larger ones are usually of inferior quality.

North of the Kansas River in Shawnee, Jackson and Jefferson Counties, the glacial deposits are more thinly spread, but there are numerous fields where heavy erosion has occurred or contouring and terracing have exposed much of the glacial till. These spots make excellent hunting grounds for agates, jasper and petrified wood, much of which is well suited to cutting and polishing.

Courtesy The Glacial Drifter.

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GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA is enjoying a weekly series of lectures on the "Geology of Minnesota," by Dr. Sloan of the University of Minnesota. All science teachers in the Twin Cities area have been invited to attend the lectures and many are coming to the weekly meetings.

A member of GSOM, George Rickert, has donated more than 90 sets of Missippi Valley mineral and fossil speciments to schools in the St. Paul area. Each set contains 55 labeled specimens.

SAC AND FOX LAPIDARY CLUB will hold two gem shows during April. The first show will be held in the YMCA at Ottumwa, Iowa on April 15 and 16. The second show will be at Oskaloosa, Iowa in the Farm Bureau Building on April 21,22 , and 23 . The society has $31 \mathrm{mem}-$ bers and each member plans to display one or more cases of gems and jewelry at each show.

NEBRASKA MINERAL AND GEM CLUB on January 18 featured a program on "Pearls." John Hufford gave an interesting talk on "Fresh Water Pearls," including information on how the shells of pear-bearing clams can be used for making small ornamental objects and where they may be found in local waters. Mrs. Kenneth McDowell displayed a large collection of cultured pearls from the Ko Kichi Miki Moto Pearl Co. of Japan. Also on display were small art objects and jewelry made from mother of pearl.
MIAMI VALLEY MINERAL AND GEM CLUB'S Let's Explore Ohio contest has unearthed some beautiful nodules of agate, quartz geodes, and jasper, but nothing in quantity. The contest was launched six months ago to spur interest in searching for new gem-cutting materials in Ohio. A display of polished objects made from newly discovered material will be featured when the contest closes at the end of the year.

WABASH VALLEY GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY recently heard Jay Farr speak on "Gems of the Bible." His talk, which was beautifully illustrated with colored slides, included the history and a vivid description of Aaron's Breast Plate.

ST. LOUIS MINERAL. AND GEM SOCIETY on Jan. 14-15 visited Keokuk, lowa and Hamilton, Illinois to collect geodes. The geodes were plentiful, but a little digging was required to get them out of the ground. Minerals found in the geodes included calcite, dolomite, quartz, sphalerite, chalcedony, kaolin and capil-
lary marcasite. Oil bearing geodes were found in a creek north of Keokuk.
INDIANA GEOLOGY AND GEM SOCIETY learned the difference between caves and caverns and stalagmites and stalactites on Feb. 3 when speleologist Art Davis gave the group an illustrated talk on "Caves". On Feb. 19 Mr . Davis took the group on a speelunking trip to explore the Salamander Cave near Bloomington, Indiana. This cave was recently opened and it contains beautiful rare helectites (stalactites that never heard of the law of gravity.)
MEMPHIS ARCHEOLOGICAL A ND GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY was given a demonstration and talk on "Stone Carving" at its January meeting by Mrs. Edna Holbrook, an artist who works in this medium.

The society now owns a crystal claim near Mt. Ida, Arkansas. It contains excellent quartz crystals but hard work is required to dig them out.
EVANSVILLE LAPIDARY SOCIETY'S members' exhibits at Evansville's first Mid-states Craft Exhibition were the star attractions of the show which was held Jan. 15 through Feb. 15 at the Evansville Public Museum.
MUSKEGON COUNTY ROCK AND MINERAL ASSOCIATION on Jan. 23 heard Howard Cooper give a fascinating talk on "Gem Stones of the Bible." Mr. Cooper also presented a special exhibit of organic gems.
DES MOINES LAPIDAY SOCIETY assisted the Y.M.C.A. in setting up a lapidary shop and is now supplying it with lapidary instructors and gem cutting materials.
GRAND RAPIDS MINERAL SOCIETY on Feb. 8 enjoyed a lecture on "Molecules and Minerals," by Dr. Harold Stonehouse, Professor of Geology at Michigan State University.

The society will hold its second annual show at the Grand Rapids Museum on April 16-30.
CENTRAL IOWA MINERAL SOCIETY on March 7-18 held its annual exhibit of rocks and minerals in the Foyer of Younkers in Des Moines. This exhibit marked the first use by any society of the new Midwest Federation cases. The handsome new cases were greatly admired by both members and visitors.
FLINT ROCK AND GEM CLUB is considering a visit to the Royal Ontario Museum at Toronto, Canada. This museum is the "Smithsonian" of Canada, and, for size and grandeur, is supposed to be fabulous. The club is also planning
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THE MEDITERRANEAN LANDS. D. S. Walker. John Wiley \& Sons, Inc. 1961. 524 pp. $\$ 6.75$.

We hesitate to refer to this book as a travel guide in view of the many superficial tracts which have appeared under that name. But what a preparation Mr. Walker's study would be for a visit to the Mediterranean and its encircling lands!

The author first tells us something of the Mediterranean itself, which once extended much farther eastward and southward. Since Tertiary times it has occupied a major downfold between the continents of Europe and Africa. Its submarine relief is marked by many ridges, and a continental shelf extends outward from the Tunisian Coast. The Sea is marked by extremely high evaporation - 115,400 cubic metres per second. About $70^{\circ}$, of this loss is compensated for by the excess of inflow from the Atlantic over outflow.

Mr. Walker is an Englishman and has made many journeys to the lands he describes. His book is divided into 5 parts: General, including Climate, Soil, Vegetation; The Western Basin Europe (Spain, Portugal, France, Italy); The Western Basin - Africa (Morocco, Algeria, Tunis); Balkan Peninsula (Yugoslavia, Albania, Greece) ; The Near East (Turkey, Cyprus, Israel, Egypt). Each land area is studied in depth, with soil and climate related to geological history. Special characteristics, such as volcanic activity in Italy, are described in detail. The author deplores the deforestation and consequent erosion which have contributed to the lack of humus in Mediterranean soils. No other part of the world is so rich in Western history and Mr. Walker has portrayed much of it on a stage where natural forces have often played decisive roles.

A statistical appendix of vital and
economic data is part of the book. A valuable glossary of foreign geological torms is also appemeder
ANTARCTIC METEOROLOGY. Proceedings of the Symposium held in Melbourne, Australia in February, 1959. Pergamon Press. 1960, 483 pp. $\$ 9.00$.

This book is a valuable compilation of observations on Antarctic meteorology undertaken as a program of the International Geophysical Year. Lack of systematic observations in this area prior to IGY had constituted a gap in the global meteorological network. Specifically, the IGY program comprised an investigation of the general circulation in the Antarctic and an investigation of the influence of the Antarctic on the circulation of the Southern Hemisphere and the planetary circulation as a whole.

Participants at the Symposium were scientists from Australia, the United Kingdom, the United States, New Zealand, France, U.S.S.R., Japan, Belgium, Argentina, Union of South Africa, and the World Meteorological Organization. There was general agreement that the density of the network of reporting stations is fairly adequate on the Antarctic land mass but is highly inadequate over the surrounding ocean areas.

The papers presented were in 7 groupings: Local Effects in the Artarctic, Synoptic Analyses and Forecasting, Synoptic Influences in Lower Latitudes, Circulation Studies, Snow and Ice Characteristics, Heat and Mass Exchanges, and Climatological Aspects. A summary of the Proceedings precedes the papers. An interesting feature is a report of the discussion among the participants following each session.

ALLUVIAL PROSPECTING AND MINING. Second (revised) edition. S. V. Griffith. Pergamon Press. 1960. 245 pp. $\$ 7.50$.

Alluvial deposits, or placers, refer to earth, sand, gravel, stone, and other transported matter which has been washed away and then deposited by rivers, floods, and other causes upon lands not permanently submerged beneath the waters of lakes or seas.

As indicated by the title, this book deals with the prospecting and mining of such deposits. It is written in simple language and in some detail. Mining engineers, faced with the problems of alluvial mining, will find it helpful.
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Editor's Comment: In our December 1960 issue of Earth Science, we published an article, with list appended, on the "Minerals of the Chicago Area" by author Turley, making reference to a bibliographical list of publications covering the geology and the geography of this region, which we believe to be the most complete list ever assembled in one publication. Feeling that such a list would prove invaluable to the hundreds of Rockhounds living in the area, as well as many elsewhere threughout the country, we are now publishing the list as above, trusting that it will add much of value as reference material, and perhaps stimulate new interest in promoting the study of the geology of their home area by many of our readers.

Our genuine thanks is due Prof. Turley for this valuable contribution.
B.H.W.
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Considerable space has been allotted to prospecting methods and means of locating particular types of deposits. Methods of sampling, analyzing, and evaluating material are described in detail. The author has included photographs of equipment and diagrams of operations. Two chapters, new to this edition, are "Alluvial Diamond Mining" and "Mining of Beach Sands."
EXPLORING UNDER THE EARTH. Roy A. Gallant. Doubleday \& Company, Garden City Book. 1960. 121 pp.

From the list of books previously compiled by Mr. Gallant's prolific pen, it appears that he has explored the universe, the weather, chemistry, and sundry other subjects.
"Under the Earth" means the interior of the "oblate spheroid" of 197 million square miles of surface area on which we live. We are told how the land mountains were formed, the shape of the original continents, and the physiography of the ocean bottoms. For good measure there is something on glaciers, origin of coal and petroleum, and seismology. We liked particularly the section on earthquakes and their waves.

The publishers do not suggest an age range for which this book might be suitable. Its lack of a bibliography and the incomplete references to but a few au-thor-scientists suggest it is not for the advanced student. Phrases such as "educated guesswork" and "probings in the dark", however, place it beyond the age which has not yet learned to question. Its chief value prohably lies in its capacity to stimulate further reading in earth science subjects.

The illustrations are imaginative, some in bold colors.
PRINCIPLES OF METEORITES. E. L. Krinov, Scientific Secretary of the U.S.S.R. Academy of Science. Pergamon Press Inc., 122 East 55th Street, New York 22, N.Y. English Version, 535 pp . 1960. \$12.00.

This work is perhaps the most complete compilation of meteoritic data, on a world wide basis, yet to be assembled in one volume. It contains a broad exposition of problems dealt with in meteoritics, covering the study of the material composition, structure, morphological and physical properties of meteorites-the only extra-terrestrial matter falling from interplanetary space onto the Earth-together with the study of the conditions under which meteoric bodies move through the Earth's atmosphere and in interplanetary space.

Translated from the Russian by Irene Vidziunas, Division of Geological Science of C.I.I., and edited by Harrison Brown of said Institute and Division. Profusely illustrated by off-set printing, it consists of eight chapters, each presenting a different branch of the subject. The book may be used as a supplementary text by students taking a special course in meteoritics or meteor astronomy, and is also recommended as a text for all natural science faculties at universities.

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TEXAS FOSSILS-An Amateur Collector's Handbook. William H. Mathews III. Guidebook 2. Bureau of Economic Geology, University of Texas, Austin 12, Texas. 1960. 123 pp .
While designed, as the title indicates, for Fossils of the Texas area, the book will, however, prove to be an invaluable aid to amateur collectors of fossils and students of paleontology, wherever they may reside.

Profusely illustrated with more than 50 plates of very excellent drawings of fossils representative of the past geological ages, we can recommend it highly as a very useful guide for laymen. An introductory chapter, "What are Fossils," gives one a concise insight into the history of the subject, and such other topies as the "Preservation of Fossils," etc., are most expertly handled.

Page diagrams illustrating the Geological Range of Major Groups, and those showing I, Radial Symmetry; II, Bilateral Symmetry; and III, No Apparent Symmetry, are especially unique and helpful. A colored Generalized Map of Texas keying the exposed formations of the variots Geological Ages is also present in the book, and the closing reference bibliography, glossary and index are most adequate.

FOSSIL COLLECTING. Richard Casanova. English Edition. Farber and Farber, London, 1960. 142pp Illustrated. 18s -net.
This illustrated guide is about a fascinating and increasingly popular hobby. Beginners will welcome this book, for it is written simply and kept as non-technical as possible, while for the advanced collector it contains useful detail and information. Although it is a practical guide to fossil collecting in the British Isles, frequent reference to other countries is made wherever this is illuminating and relevant.

A history of great collectors and their discoveries is outlined at the beginning, before Mr. Casanova goes on to explain what exactly a fossil is and how it is formed, carefully classifying the various types of fossils and giving detailed accounts of the main groups. In a section covering each of the great geological periods in chronological order, the author discusses the conditions and climates which were probably prevalent at these times, and describes the fossils characteristic of each era. Against this back-
ground the author aquaints his readers with the actual field of collecting fossils: their excavation, preparation, identification and display; and he tours the country introducing the would-be collector to the best fossil localities of each county.

The volume is elaborately and attractively illustrated with many photographs and drawings to aid better understanding of the text, and includes a bibliography.

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a two-day visit to Chicago to visit the Museum of Natural History and the Museum of Science and Industry.
TRI-COUNTY ROCKS AND MINERALS SOCIETY held a lapidary clinic at its January meeting. The session was opened with a brief talk on "Cutting and Polishing," by Ed Beaumont, who then moderated a question and answer period on lapidary problems.
EARTH SCIENCE CLUB OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS at a recent meeting of its new lapidary section heard Mrs. Edith Schwendeman, noted lapidary, speak on "Contrary Minerals and Contrary Opinions." Mrs. Schwendeman recommended that beginners work with good material and not use inferior "practice" stones. It is better, she advised, to try to get one superior gem from a slab of gem stone rather than several mediocre gems. She prefers conventional designs for her gem settings, and reserves free form designs for thomsonite and other gems that lend themselves well to asymmetrical settings.

MICHIGAN GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY sponsored a class in "Geology" last fall by Dr. Sandefur of Michigan State University. Both the class and the instructor were so popular with the club's members that the society has arranged for Dr. Saniefur to teach a 15 hour course in Mineralogy for the group this Spring.
MINNESOTA MINERAL CLUB will hold its annual gem show on April 6 at Southdale, 66th St. and Frances Ave., Bloomington, Minn. The show will be open to the public from $1: 00 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. to 9:00 p.m.
MICHIGAN MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY on Feb. 13 heard Don Erhart of the Michigan Bell Telephone Co. speak on "The Artificial Growth of Crystals." His talk was supplemented with two Bell Telephone films, "Introduction to Crystals," and "Crystal Clear." Mr. Erhart gave particular attention to quartz, silicon and germanium crystals and their use in communication systems.

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[^3]FIRELANDS GEOLOGICAL CLUB is enjoying a new game called "Rocko" that was originated by Mis, (irace Eichenlauh who is a member of the club. The game is much like bingo, except that the 25 squares on the cards are filled in with the names of rocks, minerals, fossils, gems, and Indian artifacts. The same names are printed on the tiny cards in the caller's box. When the caller shakes the box, pulls out a card and calls the name on it ; anyone who has a player's card with the same name on it, covers it with a piece of limestone gravel. A player wins a game by calling "Rocko" when every name on his card is covered with limestone. Rocko can be varied by requiring that only four corners and the center be covered, or that just one line, up, down or diagonal be covered.

DOUBLE I GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY recently enjoyed a talk and movie on "Asbestos", which was presented by Verne Montgomery, Central Regional Vice President of the Midwest Federation. Mr. Montgomery, who is always an enjoyable speaker, also presented everyone present with specimens of asbestos for their collections.

ILLOWA GEM AND MINERAL CLUB is sponsoring an adult education class on gem-cutting and jewelry-making. The society has had its share of being blamed for damages caused to local property by rockhunters and believes that in most cases the guilty were not members of the club. It has therefore requested that owners of the collecting areas, popular with the society, ask anyone who is caught damaging property to show his club card or other identification, and then notify the club of the damages. The club intends to cancel the membership of any member who is found guilty of violating its field trip code by not respecting public or private property.

EAST OHIO LAPIDARY CLUB, undaunted by distance, made a 575 mile field trip to Boulter, Ontario, Canada, last September. The club had good hunting at the Old Rubey Mine which was opened by J. H. Jewell in 1910. After several pounds of rubies were mined and $\$ 50,000$ was spent, Mr. Jewell put his rubies on the market, only to find that they were garnets, some gem grade. Another day was spent at Robillard Mountain where the visitors found a plentiful supply of corundum bronze crystals which cut into pretty "golden eyes". The group spent their third and last day in Canada at the York River Mining Company's Woodcox mine where they collected such cutting materials as amazonstone, sunstone, pink corduroy spar, and smoky quartz.

The trip was arranged by Jack Ellet of the York River Mining Co., who is a member of the East Ohio Iapidary Clab. Guests from the Akron Mineral Society and the Parma Lapidary Club also made the trip. While in Canada, the party was accompanied by a fire warden at all times, since the trip was made during the high fire season. No one was permitted to smoke or carry matches.

PERU YMCA ROCKS AND MINERALS CLUB has received an announcement from the Indiana Geological Survey concerning its tenth annual field trip conference which will be held May 5-7, 1961, with headquarters at Marion, Indiana. The Survey writes: "The Silurian rocks of the Midwest have long been a fascinating aspect of geology, with several classic reefs and stratigraphic problems in Indiana as focal points of interest. Some of the proposed relationships of these rocks remain tentative, and the problems are still a challenge." With tongue-in-cheek, the club interprets this for its members as follows: "What all this means is that they don't know much about the seven pillars either, but are going to come to our favorite collecting grounds (petoskey stones), look at the scenery and try to figure it out." The club plans to attend some of the lecture sessions of the conference.
SILOAM SPRINGS EARTH SCIENCE CLUB featured a slide program on "Geodes" at its January meeting. The society does not have far to travel to collect geodes and in its January bulletin a field trip through Brown and Pike Counties (Illinois) for geodes, colorful chert and marine fossils, is described.

On April 15-16 the society plans to hold its annual gem, mineral and fossil show, in combination with the Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Society, at the Sangamon County Fairgrounds in New Berlin, Illinois.

## NOTICE

Grond Rapids Gem \& Mineral Show. The Grand Rapids Mineral Society will present their Gem and Mineral Show at the Grand Rapids Public Museum April 16 thru 30th, 1961. Chairmen of the show are Gerald Morris and Willis Atwell. The show will run three Sundays and two weeks.

The Central Nebraska Rock \& Mineral Society will hold its Seventh Annual Rock \& Mineral Show. Place: National Guard Armory, 2015 W. 3rd St., Hastings, Nebr. Time: 9 A.M. to 9 P.M. on April 14, 15, 16, 1961. For Information Contact: Mrs. Pat Hill, Sec. Central Nebr. Rock \& Mineral Soc., 1230 N. California Ave., Hastings, Nehr.


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